



School of Liberal Arts

PSYC 204
Abnormal Psychology
Fall 2024

3 Credits

Course Outline

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course presents a broad introduction to the area of abnormal psychology. Topics include: the definition of abnormal behaviour; the diagnostic features, etiology, prevalence, and treatment of various disorders; and abnormal psychology and societal issues.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 100 or PSYC 101; or permission from the instructor

EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

AU PSYC 435 (3) CAMO PSYC 250 (3) FPU PSYC 2350 (3) SFU PSYC 241 (3)
TRU PSYC 2160 (3) TRU-OL PSYC 2161 (3) TWU PSYC 200 lev (3) UBC PSYC 2nd (3)
UNBC PSYC 303 (3) UVIC PSYC 200 lev (1.5) UR PSYC 333 (3)

Students are reminded that it is always the receiving institution that determines whether a course is acceptable as an applicable, equivalent course or if it may be transferred to their program for credit. Find further information at: <https://www.yukonu.ca/admissions/transfer-credit>

LEARNING OUTCOMES

With conscientious effort, upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of various disorders, their causes and treatments, and the limitations to defining abnormality
- Demonstrate an understanding of abnormal psychology terminology and explain important features of abnormal psychological concepts and theories
- Demonstrate an understanding of controversial issues in abnormal psychology
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills as they apply to aspects of abnormal psychology
- Demonstrate research and writing skills
- Evaluate one's own attitudes (against a political and societal backdrop of labelling and treatment), within a psychological context, towards aspects of abnormal psychology covered in the course

COURSE FORMAT

Delivery format

This course is delivered online with two meeting times (synchronous delivery) during which students are expected to attend by web-conferencing (i.e., Zoom) and engage with the instructor and other students.

Workload

2 lectures (3 hours each). You will also need to allocate 2-3 hours every week for the completion of learning activities and the assignment. This does not include additional reading that should be planned according to your own convenience. It is important to note that the time required for successful course completion will vary for each student.

TEXTBOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS

Nevid, J.S., Rathus, S.A., Greene, B., & Knight L.J. (2022). *Essentials of Abnormal Psychology in a Changing World (5th Canadian Edition)*. Pearson.

This is an e-book, and no printed copy is available. The e-textbook can be purchased online from the following web site: <https://www.pearson.com/store/p/essentials-of-abnormal-psychology-fifth-canadian-edition/P100002826649/9780137682959>

EVALUATION

Assignments (3)	30 %
Quizzes (5)	10 %
Term Test 1	15 %
Term Test 2	15 %
Final Exam	30 %
Total	100%

COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Students may officially withdraw from a course or program without academic penalty up until two-thirds of the course contact hours have been completed. Specific withdrawal dates vary, and students should become familiar with the withdrawal dates of their program. See withdrawal information at www.yukonu.ca/admissions/money-matters Refer to the YukonU website for important dates: www.yukonu.ca/admissions/important-dates Refunds may be available. See the Refund policy and procedures at www.yukonu.ca/admissions/money-matters

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to contribute toward a positive and supportive environment and are required to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Academic misconduct includes all forms of academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, fraud, deceit, using the work of others without their permission, aiding other students in committing academic offences, misrepresenting academic assignments prepared by others as one's own, or any other forms of academic dishonesty including falsification of any information on any Yukon University document.

Please refer to Academic Regulations & Procedures (updated bi-annually) for further details about academic standing, and student rights and responsibilities: www.yukonu.ca/policies/academic-regulations

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon University Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon University website at www.yukonu.ca/policies/academic-regulations

It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations by contacting the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC): LearningAssistanceCentre@yukonu.ca

TOPIC OUTLINE

Date	Topic	Chapter
10-09-2024	What Is Abnormal Psychology? Perspectives on Abnormal Behaviour	1
13-09-2024	Quiz 1 (Chapters 1)	
17-09-2024	Assessment, Classification, and Treatment of Abnormal Behaviour	2
20-09-2024	Quiz 2 (Chapters 2)	
24-09-2024	Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Trauma- and Stressor-Related Disorders	3
27-09-2024	Assignment 1: PTSD among indigenous peoples of Canada	
01-10-2024	Term Test 1	
08-10-2024	Depressive Disorders, Bipolar and Related Disorders, and Suicide	4
11-10-2024	Quiz 3 (Chapters 4)	
15-10-2024	Dissociative and Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders	5
18-10-2024	Quiz 4 (Chapters 5)	
22-10-2024	Personality Disorders	6
25-10-2024	Quiz 5 (Chapters 6)	
29-10-2024	Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders	7
05-11-2024	Term Test 2	
Reading Week (12-15 November, 2024)		
19-11-2024	Feeding and Eating Disorders, Sleep—Wake Disorders	8
22-11-2024	Assignment 2: Bulimia, Pica, and eating disorders among children	
26-11-2024	Gender Dysphoria, Paraphilic Disorders, and Sexual Dysfunctions	9
29-11-2024	Assignment 3: Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth	
03-12-2024	Final Exam	
*Bold dates are deadlines for submission		